UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NATHAN R. BUNDSCHO,

Plaintiff,

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24-CV-6160-EAW ORDER PS

CHIEF GREEN, Chief of Operations of Erie County Correctional Facility, WILLIAM WHALEN, Superintendent of Erie County Correctional Facility,¹

Defendants.

Pro se plaintiff Nathan R. Bundscho ("Plaintiff") was a prisoner confined at the Erie County Correctional Facility. He filed a complaint asserting claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and alleging denial of access to the facility law library. (Dkt. 1). He also has submitted a motion seeking leave to proceed in forma pauperis. (Dkt. 2). Plaintiff did not sign and date the complaint (Dkt. 1 at 10), and he did not sign and date the affirmation in support of his motion for *in forma pauperis* status (Dkt. 2 at 2).

Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure states that "[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper must be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney's name—or by a party personally if the party is unrepresented. . . . The Court must strike an unsigned paper unless the omission is promptly corrected after being called to the attorney's or party's attention." Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a).

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¹ The Clerk of Court is directed to amend the caption as indicated herein to correct the misspelling of Whalen's name and title.

Accordingly, Plaintiff is directed to provide the Court with a signed and dated copy of the complaint and his affirmation in support of his motion to proceed *in* forma pauperis within 30 days of the date of this Order.

The Clerk of Court is directed to provide Plaintiff with a copy of his filed complaint, (Dkt. 1), and motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. 2), for him to sign, date, and return to the Court.

If the Plaintiff fails to provide a signed copy of his complaint and affirmation in support of his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* within **30 days of the date of this Order**, the Clerk of Court is directed to close this case as dismissed without prejudice, without further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 4, 2024

Rochester, New York

ELIZABETH A WOLFORD

CHIEE JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT